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1. DEPARTMENT IS ALSO PLEASED WITH EXCELLENCE OF CON-
SULTATIONS AT NOVEMBER 20 REINFORCED NAC ON MIDDLE EAST.
AS APPROPRIATE, ADDRESSEES SHOULD COMMENT IN THAT VEIN
TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AND ADD THAT WE SEE IT AS AN INSTANCE
OF SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION.

2. ADDRESSEES SHOULD FURTHER NOTE THAT NOVEMBER 20
DISCUSSIONS WERE USEFUL PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THEY
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--INVOLVED AN ISSUE OF OBVIOUS RELEVANCE TO THE ALLIES AND THE ALLIANCE. TIME WAS NOT WASTED IN THEORETICAL ARGUMENTS ABOUT WHETHER THE ISSUE FALLS WITHIN THE NATO TREATY AREA;

--WERE TIMELY AND OPERATIONALLY GERMAINE TO EVENTS;

--INVOLVED SENIOR POLICY OFFICIALS AND THUS GAVE EACH OFFICIAL A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE VIEWS OF HIS COUNTERPARTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE ESPECIALLY

PLEASED THAT FRG, UK, ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS SENT SENIOR OFFICIALS. WE HOPE THAT OTHERS CAN DO BETTER NEXT TIME.

3. WE HOPE THAT OTHERS ALSO WILL SEE VALUE OF MEETINGS LIKE THAT OF NOVEMBER 20. ADDRESSEES MIGHT ALSO OBSERVE THAT SUCCESS OF REINFORCED NAC MEETINGS WILL REQUIRE OTHER ALLIES, AS WELL AS US, TO IDENTIFY ISSUES AS THEY ARISE WHICH MERIT ATTENTION OF HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS, WHOSE ATTENDANCE HAS PROVEN SO VALUABLE.

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